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Calendar			
Fri, Sept 22	Pick up your <i>Bugle</i> at PO lobby!	Mon, Oct 9	Town Council, 7:30pm, Town Hall
Sat, Sept 23	Garrett Park Farmers Market, 9am–1pm, Penn Place/CSX Parking Lot GIVES collection, PO lobby, 9am–12pm	Tue, Oct 10	Lunch Bunch, Town Hall, 12:30pm–2pm
Sun, Sept 24	Art at Penn Place, Series 13 (continues from Sept 17): Group show of participating artists, on exhibit till Sept 30	Wed, Oct 11	Deadline for November <i>Bugle</i>
Thurs, Sept 28	Spooky Woods Planning Meeting, Town Hall, 7:30pm	Sat, Oct 14	Attic in the Street, Kenilworth Ave (south), 10am-2pm (rain date Oct 15)  Garrett Park Farmers Market, 9am–1pm, Penn Place/CSX Parking Lot GIVES collection, PO lobby, 9am–12pm
Sat, Sept 30	Garrett Park Farmers Market, 9am–1pm, Penn Place/CSX Parking Lot GIVES collection, PO lobby, 9am–12pm	Mon, Oct 16	Leaf Removal begins this week
Sun, Oct 1	Art at Penn Place, Series 14: Michael Shibley, on exhibit till Oct 28	Thur, Oct 19	GPJams, Town Hall, 8pm
Thurs, Oct 5	GPJams, Town Hall, 8pm	Fri, Oct 20	Film Society, Town Hall, 7pm dinner, 8pm film-TBD Pick up your <i>Bugle</i> at PO lobby!
Fri, Oct 6	Annual MCC Craft Show at Town Hall, 4pm-7pm (see Bugle Notes for more details) - sponsored by Metropolitan Community Club of Montgomery County	Sat, Oct 21	Garrett Park Farmers Market, 9am–1pm, Penn Place/CSX Parking Lot GIVES collection, PO lobby, 9am–12pm
Sat, Oct 7	Annual MCC Craft Show at Town Hall, 10am-4pm (see Bugle Notes for more details) Garrett Park Farmers Market, 9am–1pm, Penn Place/CSX Parking Lot GIVES collection, PO lobby, 9am–12pm  Large item pickup!	Sat, Oct 28	Spooky Woods, dusk  Garrett Park Farmers Market, 9am–1pm, Penn Place/CSX Parking Lot GIVES collection, PO lobby, 9am–12pm
		Sun, Nov 5	Arboretum Committee Tree Walk, time TBD.

A Summer *Hot!* Town Council Meeting

While the *Bugle* was off for its annual Summer vacation, the Town Council continued to meet in both July and August (an unusual occurrence), thus your diligent reporter brings to you this month a summary of three meetings. So hold on to your hats and here we go!

In July, the first part of the Town Council meeting was devoted to clearing up a misunderstanding about the Town Archives (issues included the reported absence of the Archive computer and the inadvertent cancellation of interviews for two candidates for the paid position of

Archivist). Discussion between the Council and various citizens in attendance cleared up the misunderstanding and any suspicions that the Council was no longer interested in maintaining the Archives. The bigger problem, actually, was the lack of Board members whose role among many is to help supervise the Archivist (unfortunately, all previous members resigned this past spring). But more on this when we get to September.

The other major issue in both July and August was passage of several changes to the Town Charter and Ordinances governing our Town elections, partly to bring the Charter into conformity with actual election practices and to create greater independence for the election judges. None of these changes were controversial except for the initial draft language that excluded election observers from watching the vote-counting process. Upon further reflection and redrafting between the July and August meetings, observers will be allowed to watch vote counting if they choose to do so. Probably the only change that people will notice is the decision not to force the weary town election judges to finish the vote count on the night of the election, so no ringing of the town bell or late-night party at the Town Hall.

If you are interested in the details of the changes, the new language to various parts of the Charter and Ordinances is posted on the “government” section of the town web site: (<http://www.garrettparkmd.gov/government/records-and-documents>).

Now on to September, where several issues came up. The Garrett Park Nursery School inquired whether the town could contribute to the cost of repairing and refinishing the floors in the building, which the Council took under advisement (fancy language to say that they would think about it). Second, a demolition request (10920 Kenilworth Ave.) was approved.

The house has some minor historical value (a World War II-era house using prefab wall panels), but the Historical Society saw no reason to oppose demolition so long as some pictures would be taken and a builder’s plaque inside the house would be donated to the Archives. After demolition, they will need a building permit and apparently there are some property storm-water drainage issues to be worked out between the town and the builder.

The final issue of the September meeting was approval of a new Archives Committee. Members normally serve a five-year term, but because all positions needed to be filled at the same time, the proposed new members will serve one-to-three year terms to make sure that their future reappointment or

replacement will occur on a staggered basis. The proposed slate of members was unanimously approved by the Council. The members are: Kacky Chantry, Bill Elwood, Jane Salomon, and Lillian Del Priore. Hooray! Thanks to all who have volunteered to serve on the committee.

The Town Manager’s Report ended the evening. Some repaving of sections of town roads will occur in the near future, and new fire and security systems are being installed in both Penn Place and the Town Hall (which involves repairs to the deteriorating Town Hall front door). With that, the Council meeting was adjourned.

Ed Lincoln, Reporter

Green Tip of the Month

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-- List is subject to change per store location. --
(*Tip courtesy of Nancy Walz, GPCAN.org*)

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Bugle Notes . . . Sweet and Sour

- ♪ Gabe Schwartzman’s latest post from his experiences living in the Amazon while on a Fulbright Fellowship is accessible from the Daily Yonder website, here:
<http://www.dailyyonder.com/life-amazon-frontier-fight-riozinho-anfrizio/2017/08/23/20708/>.
- ♪ The Metropolitan Community Club (MCC) of Montgomery County is sponsoring its Annual Craft Show at the Town Hall on Oct 6 (4-7pm) and 7 (10am-4pm). Vendors offer custom jewelry, creative gifts and clothing, and speciality foods. Proceeds include donations to several local charities.

- ♪ Jeremy Lichtenstein was once again, for the third year running, recognized by *Washingtonian* magazine as one of the best real estate agents in D.C.
- ♪ Town residents once again partook in the Annual Porches and Patios event Saturday, Sept 16. Sponsored and organized by the Women’s Club, about 60-70 residents participated, making their way from house to house across town to eat enticing appetizers and yummy desserts. And of course, enjoy great company and great wine!

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Below is an updated and corrected list provided by the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Committee of volunteer drivers who are willing, when available, to provide rides for occasional medical and dental appointments, pharmacy and grocery needs, etc.



Volunteer Drivers

Sept 15, 2017

Area Code 301

Barbara Abraham	Montrose	949-1056
Glenda/Ken Ingham	Rokeby	933-5689
Kathy Chamberlin	Montrose	942-3822
Charlie Snyder	Montrose	942-2442
Beth Irons	Clermont	942-0994
Elin Quigley	Keswick	942-4567
Kay Hager	Cambria	949-8882
Veronica/Terry Sauvain	Clermont	942-5963
Ann Gordon	Cambria	933-0598
Louise Stomierowski	Kenilworth	946-2075
Stan McLeod	Kenilworth	949-3205
Michael Casassa*	Kenilworth	946-5396

*Michael can help with routine maintenance repairs

Seasoned Spellers

Senior Spelling Bee

Saturday, October 14, is the Annual Senior Spelling Bee sponsored by Friends of the Library, Montgomery County. Adults age 55+ are invited to participate. The deadline for participants to register and pay a \$25 fee is Friday, October 6, 2017. For spectators, the event is free and open to the public. Link to the registration form and more details: <https://www.folmc.org/events-calendar/seasoned-spellers> -- A press release is posted on the Post Office bulletin board.

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MCC Craft Show ~ FREE ADMISSION!
Friday, October 6, 2017, 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM and
Saturday October 7, 2017, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
The Metropolitan Community Club (MCC) Annual Craft Show
Garrett Park Town Hall, 10814 Kenilworth Avenue, Garrett Park MD

- Creatively Designed Clothing and Accessories
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Proceeds go to several local charities.
Contact: Susan Greenblatt, sagreenblatt@comcast.net

Citizens Association Notes

Did you know that as much as 40% of household waste is compostable? In September, the Garrett Park Conservation Action Network (GPCAN) held an awesome meeting on recycling and composting. Jen Liebreich talked about composting, including a cool story about how Safeco field in Seattle composted 87% of waste generated in 2015 (more detail at: <http://mlb.mlb.com/sea/ballpark/information/index.jsp?content=sustainability>). Alan Pultyniewicz, recycling coordinator from Montgomery County, updated us on the county’s recycling efforts, including composting pilots (the last frontier). Finally, Brian Flores from “Compost Crew” (<http://compostcrew.com>) talked about their home pickup composting service. They make composting easy and give you back compost for your garden. Brian also provided us with the coupon code “GarrettParkcomposts” to get discounted service for \$20 a month!

Save the date:
Spooky Woods – Saturday October 28
2018 Town Dinner – Saturday January 27, 2018

Future Meetings. Do you have a suggestion or idea for a meeting topic that you feel would be of interest to the town? If so, please forward your thoughts to Sean Conlan at sconlan@gmail.com or send a note to Box 456.

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Town Residents Contributions

A Limerick

Brain Pain
I was once told in vain
what I already knew,
that my brain was contained in my rump.
How else to explain
why my thoughts went askew
when e’er my bike rolled over a bump?



Kenneth C. Ingham, Author



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Annual Dues. The Citizens Association 2017 annual dues are being collected. The annual dues are \$15 for individuals and \$25 per family. Thank you to all of those who have already paid. For those who have not, please submit dues by mailing them to the Citizens Association at Box 456.

Garrett Park Listserv. Our neighborhood is made up of people with a wide variety of backgrounds, skills, perspectives, and experiences. Tap into these resources and stay informed with the Garrett Park neighborhood listserv. The listserv is an electronic forum for neighbors to communicate information about town concerns, safety issues, upcoming events, and recommended services (for example, contractors, lawn care, doctors, and baby sitters). The listserv is not for unsolicited marketing, and you can unsubscribe at any time. To join, go to <https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/GarrettParkneighbors/info>.

Questions or comments for the Citizens Association? If so, please send a note to P.O. Box 456 or e-mail Sean Conlan at sconlan@gmail.com.
Sean Conlan, CA Secretary



Lower Rokeby Block Party, Sept. 9, 2017
Getting ready for a beautiful night with great lights, music, food, film and lots of neighbors!
Pictured are (facing left to right) Doug Mader, Dennis Collins and Rana Mandel.

A Haiku (Tanka Poem)

Gone but not really
Memories from all angles
As limbs twist and turn
Now explosions of color
A new perspective to love!



Kacky Chantry

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Town Manager Notes

Summer Update. We hope everyone had a good summer! Just to catch you up on a few items: The sidewalk repair project including around Penn Place and two other locations in Town was completed; the pruning and removal of diseased or dead trees continued throughout the summer and is still ongoing; the Town received proposals for the street repaving project which should begin in late September. The roads to be repaved are Weymouth from Strathmore to the end of the street; Montrose from Oxford to the end; Clyde from Kenilworth to Rokeby; Keswick from Cambria to Strathmore and from Strathmore to Oxford. **We will send out more detailed information on the work schedule as soon as we have it.**

Leaf Removal. Leaf raking season is getting close. Bethke Landscaping, our leaf removal company, will begin work during the week of October 17. During the leaf removal season, each street will be cleared once every week, as early in the week as possible (rain will delay collections). Leaves should be placed in rows along the street side of the curb. Please remove sticks, rocks, trash, and other debris that could damage the machinery. Shredded leaves or grass clippings should be bagged and put out for the regular yard waste collection on Mondays. Thank you for your cooperation.

Trees. Fall pruning is ongoing which includes removal of dead trees, pruning of dead limbs and the clearance of limbs and undergrowth blocking walkways and streets. If you are aware of a tree-related situation that needs the Town’s attention please let us know at the Town office.

The Town’s Arboretum Committee will have its first fall meeting in the coming weeks and invites any residents with questions or concerns about the Town Arboretum to attend. The meeting will be held at the Town Office, Penn Place, 7:30 PM, date to be announced on the website and the Town Business Bulletin Board in Penn Place lobby.

Leaf Raking & Yard Work Assistance. Any young people in Town who would like to offer their services to help residents with fall yard work may contact Elizabeth Henley at the Town Office to add their name to our list.

As always, please feel free to call the Town office at 301/933-7488 with any questions or concerns.

Gene Swearingen, Town Manager

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Letter from the Mayor

I have just come back from a two-week deployment with the Red Cross in Houston, attempting to deal with the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. As I observed downed trees and flooded homes I was impressed with the importance of two efforts that we are beginning in Garrett Park: The development of a tree management plan and the creation of a stormwater management plan.

Over the years with the Red Cross, as I have provided assistance with various disasters, it has become clear to me that they are occurring more frequently, and when they happen, they are more ferocious. Our warming atmosphere is providing energy to power more hurricanes that have stronger winds and greater rainfall. The tornadoes are several times wider than they used to be and stay on the ground over a longer distance. The hurricanes are creating more small tornadoes that cause localized destruction within the broader context of the sweeping hurricane winds. The importance of being prepared to deal with these atmospheric phenomena is growing, and the Town must develop and implement plans to do so.

The tree management plan is, in my mind, the more immediate of the two, and requires us to change not only our practice in caring for our arboretum but also our attitude toward it. Our town has an exceptionally large number of very tall old trees, many of which have already fallen and some of which have hit residences. After spending much time with a number of arborists I have become convinced that there is no reliable way to predict which of the older trees may fall and when. Trees fall not only when there is wind, but also when the soil is loosened by rain. We need a plan to take down trees strategically, to take them down before they fall and to replace them before we must take down other trees

in their immediate vicinity. By replanting trees sooner rather than later, we get a head start in providing shade and cover when having to take down the neighboring trees. Implementing a plan to do this is necessary to protect property, life and limb, and the environment. As much as we love our trees, we cannot wait until trees are ready to fall to remove them. The Arboretum Committee is working to get consultants to create the plan. We need to support the process.

Stormwater management is necessary to ensure that the water that now flows from our property to our neighbors' does not cause their home to flood. This has already happened in various parts of our town, particularly those with inadequate curbs and gutters and no storm drains. These conditions have allowed the water to flow through our town directly into the neighboring communities, thereby increasing the risk of floods to our neighbors. Further, the contaminants in the water also flow from us to nearby communities and on into Rock Creek. A stormwater management plan will be complex and expensive to develop; implementing it will be even more expensive and disruptive. But ethically and morally I do not believe we have a choice. We have been talking about developing the stormwater management plan. It is time to do so. We need volunteers to work on getting consultants to create this plan. Let Gene know if you are willing to help.

Peter Benjamin

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